

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus comprising:

a back portion constructed to be secured to an exterior wall of a building;

a front portion having a plurality of sides and a face;

5        a middle portion having a plurality of sides, the middle portion being coupled to the back portion and the front portion at an angle such that a junction circumference is greater at the back portion than the front portion; and

wherein the front, middle, and back portions have a hole for receiving a hose bib,

said hole allowing the hose bib to be inserted into the face of the front portion, through

10      the middle and back portions, and through an opening in the exterior wall to an interior area of the building having a water supply.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the back, middle, and front portions are constructed as a one-piece unit by using a mold injection process.

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3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the back, middle, and front portions are made of a molded plastic material.

20      4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a color of at least the face of the front portion matches a brick color.

5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a color of at least the face of the front portion matches a mortar color.

6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the back portion has a plurality of screw holes to aid in securing the back portion to the exterior wall.
7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the front and middle portions are constructed to allow mortar to be placed around the sides of the front portion and part of the middle portion so that a plurality of bricks can be installed flush with the face of the front portion.
8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the middle portion is constructed to allow an air space to be left between the plurality of bricks and the exterior wall after installation of the bricks.
9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the angle of the middle portion allows a mortar joint to be sized so that a plurality of bricks can be installed flush with the face of the front portion.
10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the front portion is constructed to allow the hose bib to be secured to the front portion.
- 20 11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the front portion has a plurality of screw holes to aid in securing the hose bib to the front portion.

12. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the front portion is similar in size to a piece of brick.
13. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the hole is a tube that extends through the front, middle, and back portions to serve as a guide for inserting the hose bib into the opening of the exterior wall.
14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the tube extends outwardly from the back portion so that the outward part of the tube can be inserted into the opening of the exterior wall.
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15. A method comprising:
- securing a hose bib containment device to an exterior wall of a building, said exterior wall having an opening extending to an interior wall for access to a water supply;
- placing mortar and bricks around the hose bib containment device so that the
- 15      bricks are substantially flush with a face of the front portion;
- installing a hose bib through a hole in the hose bib containment device and into the opening extending to the interior wall;
- securing the hose bib to the hose bib containment device; and
- connecting the hose bib to the water supply.
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16. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
- disconnecting the hose bib from the water supply; and

removing the hose bib from the hose bib containment device without disturbing the mortar and bricks.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the hose bib containment device is secured by

5 inserting a plurality of screws into a plurality of screw holes located in the back portion and drilling the screws into the exterior wall.

18. A construction comprising:

a hose bib containment device secured to an exterior wall of a building;

10 bricks and mortar fixed on the exterior wall surrounding the containment device, said bricks being substantially flush with a face of containment device; and

a hose bib extending through the containment device and through an opening in the exterior wall to an interior area of the building having a water supply.

15 19. The construction of claim 18, wherein the hose bib containment device is made of a molded plastic material.

20. The construction of claim 18, wherein the hose bib containment device has a back portion, a middle portion, and a front portion.

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21. The construction of claim 20, wherein the front portion is similar in size to the bricks.